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ANOTHER STRIKE IMMINENT.

Railroad Men Will Demand Recognition or Cease Working.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 17.—Ever since the arrival of the officials of the National Federation of Railroad Employees in this city at a very early hour this morning they have been in secret conference with the local officials and committees. Little information of any kind can be obtained.

Chairman Hawley of the Switchmen's Press committee states that under no circumstances will the railroaders treat with the officials except through their organization, which must be recognized.

A strike is expected within twelve hours, and it is thought it will become contagious and spread over the United States, with the result that the railroaders in the several railroad yards disclose the fact that they are fully prepared for the worst, and are almost a unit in the statement that they will not cease work the moment they receive the official order. The railroad officials have refused positively to recognize the federation, and unless one side or the other recedes from their present stand a strike seems inevitable.

A late report from federation headquarters is that the strike may be ordered at any moment.

TRIED TO POISON HER SON.

A Prominent Church Member of Burlington, N. J., in Trouble.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., April 17.—The grand jury of Burlington County has found an indictment against Mrs. Carrie E. Vandegift, one of the most prominent women of Burlington and a leading church member. She is charged with attempting to kill, by poison, her son, Frank G. Norman, aged 23. The evidence against her is very strong. The poisoning was discovered by a physician in time to save the young man's life. In case of his death Mrs. Vandegift would have received an insurance of \$28,000.

A Threatened Strike Averted.

CHICAGO, April 17.—The threatened strike of switchmen in the stock yards has been averted by arbitration. The committee rendered its report yesterday, unanimously agreeing that the yardmaster was right in refusing to discharge the two men as requested by the other employees, and the men have agreed to abide by the decision.

A Famous Half-Breed Returns.

WINNETKA, Max., April 17.—Maximo Lepin, the famous half-breed who was identified with Riel in his Red River rebellion, and who was subsequently indicted for murder, has been appointed an immigration agent by the Dominion Government. Lepin has just returned from Paris, where he was associated with Buffalo Bill's show.

Eleven Houses Burned to Death.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The ivory stable of William Connolly, 337 West Thirty-eighth street, was partially destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. Eleven houses were burned to death. The loss on the building is \$3,000, and that on the stock \$20,000.

District Government Notes.

The Commissioners have granted permission to the Western Union Telephone Company to erect a new line of high poles on the west side of Fourth street, between B street and the Long Bridge.

A water-main will be laid on F street, between Third and Fourth streets northeast.

GONE TO HIS LAST HOME

FUNERAL SERVICES OVER PENNSYLVANIA'S DISTINGUISHED SON.

Mr. Randall's Body Viewed by Large Numbers of Persons—Rev. Dr. Chester's Eloquent Sermon—His Favorite Hymn.

The funeral services over the remains of Hon. Samuel J. Randall took place this morning at the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and B streets southeast.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the body, incased in a plain cloth-covered casket, with silver trimmings, was taken from the Randall residence to the church, where it was viewed for an hour by large numbers of people. The casket rested on a catafalque in front of the minister's platform, which was draped in black. Floral tributes from the Samuel Jackson Randall Association of Philadelphia, and from a number of other organizations, were placed to the right and left of the pulpit desk. The casket was covered with large bunches of lilies of the valley and broad palm leaves.

About 9:30 o'clock, Mrs. Randall, escorted by her son, Samuel; her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Lancaster and Miss Susie Randall; Mr. C. C. Lancaster; Mr. Randall's brother from Philadelphia, the members of the family, entered the church and were escorted to seats on the left center aisle, directly behind the casket. Secretary and Mrs. Blaine soon afterward followed by Vice-President Hamner, Chief Justice Fuller and Miss Fuller, Mrs. J. Harrison and Mr. E. W. Halford, Speaker Reed and a large number of Senators and Representatives, many of whom were accompanied by members of their families, a detachment of comrades from the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., occupied seats to the left of the pulpit.

Shortly before 10 o'clock the House and Senate Committees, wearing broad white sashes, entered the church and were escorted to seats on the left of the Randall family. With them came the honorary pall-bearers, wearing black sashes.

The Congressional committee consisted of Senators Quay, Dawes, Sherman, Eustis, Allison and Representatives McNellie of Pennsylvania, Carlisle of Kentucky, McKinley of Ohio, Forney of Alabama, Holman of Indiana, Bland of Missouri, and Springer of Illinois.

The honorary pall-bearers were Messrs. George W. Childs, A. J. Drexel, Colonel Alexander K. McClure, Postmaster General Wanamaker, and Hon. William McKim. The organ, directed by Charles A. Dana, Hon. Andrew G. Curtin, Hon. A. P. Gorman, Hon. W. W. Snowden, Hon. James H. Blount, Hon. John S. Barbour and Hon. Dallas Smith.

Governor Curtin was not present, but "expressed that he would join the funeral party at Wilmington.

The services were opened with the hymn "The Lord's Prayer," sung by the Schubert Quartette of male singers, accompanied on the organ by Professor Bischoff.

When the quartette had concluded, Rev. Dr. Chester, the chaplain of the House of Representatives, arose and read verses from the fifteenth chapter of St. Paul, beginning: "But now is Christ risen from the dead." He concluded the selection with a prayer, in which he invoked Divine comfort for the afflicted widow and her family in the loss of the loving husband, whom he characterized as a patriot and statesman, a lover of his country and a devoted citizen.

Rev. Dr. John Chester, the pastor of the church, then announced that the hymn "Just as I Am Without One Plea" a favorite of Mr. Randall's, would be sung by the congregation.

In the singing, and when the last strains of the organ had died away Dr. Chester, in a very impressive manner, delivered the funeral sermon.

Dr. Chester's Eloquent Sermon. "In this solemn hour, in this house of God, gathered together the representatives of a great nation around the earthly remains of one of its most honored citizens. Here men of different political faiths, of various religious creeds unite in prayer, in which they invoke the aid of a great nation around the earthly remains of one of its most honored citizens. Here men of different political faiths, of various religious creeds unite in prayer, in which they invoke the aid of a great nation around the earthly remains of one of its most honored citizens.

"To the great men gathered here today comes that voice whose utterances carried such weight in our legislative halls, the voice of the great nation, the voice of a whole nation, and speaks not of itself, but of the grace and comfort which comes to a soul through the crucified one of Calvary. He 'though dead, yet lives, and his faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance—of acceptance by the greatest ruler and the humblest subject, by the most cultured intellect and the humblest laborer, by the noblest and the lowly, all accept it, that Christ Jesus came unto the world to save sinners.' It was the appreciation of this simple yet grand proposition which gave Mr. Randall such comfort when he faced that most trying ordeal, the passage of a soul to the presence of his God. Those who knew him intimately recognized the fact that long before his last sickness his mind had turned to serious reflection.

"Heard in youth under the influence of the Gospel, coming from a pious ancestry, he grew up with a respect for a religion, which revealed itself in his attendance on the Sabbath, in his conscientious observance of the Sabbath, in his fidelity to his domestic ties, in his interest in all Christian charities. However men might differ from him in opinion, all recognized the rugged honesty of his life, and that his hands would never be sullied by bribes, or his opinions swayed by favor. Like all other men, he had his temptations, but, long before his death, he had completely conquered every unlawful appetite. Yet, with all this morality of life, Mr. Randall realized that he needed that preparation of heart, which could only come through the blood which cleanseth from all sin, and that that Holy Spirit which can sanctify the soul. Therefore was it, that, after calm reflection, he made the request to be baptized and received into the church of Christ.

"I have in mind one memorable illustration of his will power. He felt that the salary of a Congressman was inadequate to active life. He once remarked to his family, 'I know that God has given me influence among my fellow-men, and as I have now a prospect of receiving a salary, I wish to use the influence of my example on the side of Christianity.' It was a touching scene when more than three months since he made a profession of his faith in Christ, was baptized and partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Though prostrated on his couch, with that strong will which ever characterized his actions, he made the last effort of his life to rise from his couch, to receive the baptismal rite. He devoutly partook of the emblems of the body and blood of the Saviour, the little company of his family and friends there assembled heard that voice which had rung through the legislative halls speaking accents of gratified love of that Blessed One who had brought salvation to his soul. That strong, resolute man bowed as meekly as a little child, and took the words of Christ, and he, whom men delighted to honor, confessed himself to be a sinner saved by grace. Truly, in his case, the promise was fulfilled, 'Take My yoke and learn of Me, and ye shall rest for your souls.' From that hour a great load seemed lifted off his mind.

"He passed through weeks of the severest bodily pain; he fought nobly, courageously, hopefully, the battle with death, yet he bore his suffering with a beautiful Christian patience. The promises of God's word, frequent meditation on the grace of Christ, the presence of the Holy Spirit, were his greatest comfort. For a few days before his death he was not able to rouse himself, owing to the peculiar nature of his disease, but at the last his mind asserted its natural force. One day, just as he was about to die, he said to the bells in a neighboring church were calling the worshippers, the summons came to him to worship in the heavenly temple, to enter the Sabbath of eternal life, and to show the inmates of his soul was washed in that blood which cleanseth from all sin, sanctified by that spirit which alone can fit a child of earth for an abundant entrance into Heaven.

"There were of those by that bedside to whom he was joined in the tender ties of love—the wife, who had been the strength and comfort of all his life, the children, who so reverently loved him, who had unremittently labored to assuage his pains of body and to comfort his soul. He loved them, oh, how tenderly! For that household was his life, his joy, his hope, his glory. The ties of affection, with the consolation of knowing that the pearly gates of Heaven were open to receive the sainted spirit of their father, must ever be remembered by the memory of his touching utterances. For when the messenger of death came to summon him from earth, he turned instinctively to his wife, who grasped his hand in hers, and looking up in her beloved face exclaimed: 'Mother, and then with a heavenly smile on his face fell asleep—in Jesus. A great man has fallen by the hand of death, his name has been inscribed in our country's annals and will be honored by the latest generation, but after all the greatest honor that comes to his memory, the greatest comfort to those left behind, is the knowledge that his name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. A useful life, a Christian faith, a Christian's death, what higher eulogy can be pronounced on any human being? These were the elements of Mr. Randall's greatness, and these are the elements of his glory. So that when death comes we may hear, as he doubtless did, the voice of the Saviour saying, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord.'

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A FREEDMEN'S CONVENTION.

Call for a State Gathering in Virginia Against Intemperance.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., April 17.—A call has been issued for a colored State convention to meet in Alexandria, Va., May 13, 1890, under the auspices of the Colored Men's League of that city. The object is to counteract the plan of the Richmond negro convention, which is to be held in that city, and to organize a negro party in Virginia and to oppose any organized effort to migrate the colored people from Virginia to Western lands or Africa. Magnus L. Robinson, president of the colored journalists of Virginia, and editor of the National Leader, of which Frederick Douglass was associate editor, is chairman of the committee. He says that the coming convention will mark an important epoch in the history of the negro of Virginia.

Hastings Indorsed.

READING, April 17.—A largely attended meeting of the Cooper Club of Reading, this country, resolutions were passed in favor of General Hastings for Governor. This indicates another factional fight in Berks County. A. M. High, who is the recognized leader of the Berks Republicans, and is slated for the Reading postmaster, who will be appointed in May, is working hard for Delamater.

equate. He voted for the bill to increase R. amid all the cry of the newspapers throughout the country, and all the sneaking efforts of other Congressmen to get him to change his vote. When the act was repealed came to naught.

"An unswerving political partisan, he was never furious or vindictive. I believe the interests of the country were his, for the good of the people and for justice to all, would have been safer than in any other's. There has not been a day within the last fifteen years in which I would not have voted for him for President of the United States, if my vote could have been made available."

RANDALL AND SHERMAN.

They Served Together in the Shenandoah Valley.

Senator John Sherman adds a bit of interesting personal reminiscence to the many stories now being related relative to the life and character of Samuel Jackson Randall. Mr. Sherman is not a man much given to story telling, says the correspondent of the New York Sun, but, as he says himself, he was a friend and admirer of Mr. Randall, and to show the intimate friendship between the two men, he dwells upon the incidents of their friendship.

"It may not be generally known," said the Senator to-day, "that I served with Mr. Randall in the Shenandoah Valley in June and July, 1861. The way it happened was this: I had accompanied two regiments of Ohio troops during the winter of 1860-61, at which point they were turned over to General Patterson. The latter being ready to move into Virginia by the way of Williamsport, Md., he asked me to join him. I only knew intimately one man in the staff, but as I was a United States Senator I served without pay. Mr. Randall was a member of a Philadelphia company that was sent to the front, and I believe, and to show the intimate friendship between the two men, he dwells upon the incidents of their friendship.

"As an illustration of how unexpectedly to ourselves, as well as to ourselves, men frequently rise to eminence, in this very campaign of which I speak Samuel J. Randall was a private soldier, and he was a major of cavalry, and Eliza John Porter was a staff officer, like myself, with Patterson. And this reminds me that while we were camped at Williamsport, Md., he and General Thomas, a colonel of infantry, paid me a visit. He and Thomas were at West Point together, and very fond of one another. I remember that they were continually studying the maps, and General Thomas would throw themselves on the floor like two boys and point out and mark certain strategic positions. I recollect Chattanooga as one point they mentioned, and Nashville another."

Mr. Randall was so intimate after he took his seat in Congress, but all three of the gentlemen named subsequently cut pretty large figures in public affairs, and with honor to themselves and to the country. Mr. Randall, Mr. Porter for the past thirty years, and I have always had great respect and admiration for him as a public man, although I think he sometimes went too far in his respect for the memory of a man who was a member of the same generation, but after all the greatest honor that comes to his memory, the greatest comfort to those left behind, is the knowledge that his name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. A useful life, a Christian faith, a Christian's death, what higher eulogy can be pronounced on any human being? These were the elements of Mr. Randall's greatness, and these are the elements of his glory. So that when death comes we may hear, as he doubtless did, the voice of the Saviour saying, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord.'

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ANXIOUS FOR MRS. RANDALL.

Grave Fears for Her Health When the Reaction Comes.

Much anxiety is felt about Mrs. Randall, says Editor McClure, writing from Washington to the Philadelphia Times. She has been her husband's constant nurse for more than two years, and during that entire period has not known the pleasure of seeing him. When the long hall came, although expected for weeks, the force of the shock was not broken, and Mrs. Randall broke down at once and it was feared that she would not rally again, but in a little while she seemed to summon all her reserve powers, and she has exhibited the heroic qualities of her husband.

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WILLIAMS' FILIAL LOVE (?)

The Alleged Affection of the German Emperor for His Mother.

LONDON, April 17.—The English journals give very pleasantly colored accounts from Berlin of the recently displayed filial love of the German Emperor for his mother. Some even go so far as to attribute the fall of Bismarck and the eclipse of the Waldersee faction to the Emperor's affection for his mother. Frederick, who asserts, has succeeded in convincing her husband, so that he can present to the world an example of family affection without derogating from his dignity as monarch of the most warlike nation in Europe. Those who know the German Emperor, however, laugh at the idea of his being influenced by any person, even his mother, whom he was taught to treat civilly with the rest of her sex in regard to all matters not exclusively feminine.

A SOBRIETYMAN'S TROUBLES.

The Marquis of Leville Will Have to Go to Jail.

LONDON, April 17.—The preliminary hearing in the Leville conspiracy case closed yesterday and the Marquis was committed for trial and bail fixed at \$1,000, which he has been unable to obtain up to 10 o'clock last night. The Marquis was among his friends in court was applied to for bail, but refused. The Marquis turned pale on hearing the decision of the Court and wiped away a tear. He had evidently expected to give a large dinner party to-night in honor of his acquittal. The party was now postponed and conviction is considered certain, in which case he must go to jail.

FOR A HOLIDAY.

German Workmen Ask Their Guilds to Observe Fast Day.

BERLIN, April 17.—An appeal has been sent out by the executive committee of the United Guilds to the members of the subordinate guilds, asking them to co-operate in the effort to induce the workmen to generally observe a fast day, which falls on April 30. The appeal further suggests that workmen who propose participating in the demonstrations on May 1 be warned that they assume the risk of losing their employment by so doing.

ACTION FOR SEDUCTION.

The Charge is Against a Distinguished Member of Parliament.

LONDON, April 17.—Miss Alice Hailes, a young woman of 30 years, has brought an action for seduction and breach of marriage against Sir George Elliott, Member of Parliament for Monmouth, Wales. The lady alleges that she has twice been seduced by Sir George, and that after her betrayal the defendant promised marriage. Sir George Elliott denies the truth of the allegations and asserts that the action is an attempt at blackmail. The proceedings in the case are creating the most intense excitement.

SELF-ANNIHILATION OF A FAMILY.

Committed Suicide to Escape the Sufferings of Poverty.

MOSCOW, April 17.—The city has been shocked by the discovery of the self-annihilation of a family to escape the sufferings of poverty. The victims, who were the widow and five daughters of an army officer, locked themselves in a room, and set fire to the gas. When discovered all were dead from suffocation.

William Compliments Jules Simon.

PARIS, April 17.—M. Jules Simon has received from Emperor William a copy of the musical works of Frederick the Great, accompanied by a letter in which the Emperor says: "Having been so long acquainted with you, and after knowing for many years of your eminence in literature, science and philosophy, I desire you to possess a souvenir of my peace and civilizing mission which led you to visit my capital."

Suicide Epidemic Among Scholars.

BERLIN, April 17.—A circular addressed by the Government to the high school directors calls attention to the frequency of suicide among the scholars. The directors are urged to be lenient with backward pupils.

An Imperial Palace Destroyed.

PETERSBURG, April 17.—Fire has destroyed the imperial palace at Oranienbaum. Seven of the domestics were burned to death. Oranienbaum is about twenty miles west of St. Petersburg.

Riotous Miners.

VIENNA, April 17.—At Ostrau, in Moravia, work in the mines has been stopped by the interference of riotous miners. The houses occupied by the non-striking miners are guarded by soldiers